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SUBJECT: DOD TEAM VISIT

REF: STATE 57457

1. IN TELLING GAMASY ABOUT UPCOMING TECHNICAL TEAM VISIT, I INDICATED ITS PURPOSE WOULD BE TO LOOK INTO QUESTIONS AFFECTING GOE'S ABILITY ABSORB, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN F-5S. I SAID NOTHING ABOUT TEAM ALSO LOOKING INTO C-130 QUESTIONS OR APC'S. IN FACT, REFTEL IS FIRST TIME THAT I HEARD IDEA THAT TEAM WOULD ALSO LOOK INTO C-130S AND APC'S.

2. I SEE NO PROBLEM IN EXTENDING TEAM'S MANDATE TO C-130S. APC'S IS ANOTHER MATTER. I BELIEVE IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO SADAT POLITICALLY IF WE WERE PREPARED TO SELL APC'S, BUT I ALSO APPRECIATE PROBLEM CITED REFTEL. UNLESS DOD HAS INFORMED AMBASSADOR GHORBAL OR EGYPTIAN MILITARY ATTACHE THAT TEAM'S MISSION IS TO BE EXPANDED TO LOOK INTO APC'S, I DO NOT BELIEVE GOE WOULD IN ANY WAY BE DISTURBED IF TEAM LIMITS ITS ACTIVITIES TO F-5 AND C-130S.

3. AS I RECALL SECRETARY BROWN'S TALK WITH SADAT, FORMER  
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RAISED THE QUESTION OF APC'S. THERE WAS SOME DISCUSSION AMONG BROWN'S AIDES AS TO WHETHER APC'S REQUIRED OMC LICENSING. ONE SCHOOL OF THOUGHT SEEMED TO THINK THAT APC COULD BE SOLD COMMERCIALY AND THAT OMC LICENSE THEREFORE UNNECESSARY. I WOULD BE INTERESTED IN HAVING THE ANSWER TO THIS QUESTION.

4. MY IMPRESSION IS THAT GAMASY REMAINS INTERESTED IN ACQUIRING APC'S, BUT THAT AT THE MOMENT THIS IS NOT THE HIGHEST PRIORITY FOR HIM. HE IS FINDING IT DIFFICULT TO OBTAIN NEEDED FUNDS FOR EGYPTIAN MILITARY REQUIREMENTS AND IN MEETING WITH SADAT THREE DAYS AGO HE PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT HIS OVERALL ESTIMATE OF FUNDING REQUIREMENT OF EGYPTIAN MILITARY TO MEET EQUIPMENT NEEDS. (HE DID NOT GIVE ME FIGURE.) THE THEORY IS THAT SADAT, THROUGH ASHRAF MARWAN OR OTHERS, WILL NOW TRY TO GET NEEDED FUNDS FROM SAUDI ARABIA AND OTHER GULF STATES. THIS IS INVARIABLY A SLOW PROCESS. AS DEPT AWARE, GAMASY'S GENERAL APPROACH IS NOT TO SIGN ANY CONTRACTS WITH ANYONE UNTIL HE ACTUALLY HAS THE MONEY IN HAND OR FEELS ABSOLUTELY CONFIDENT THAT HE WILL GET IT. EILTS

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